

American Red Cross Quilt to Randy Myers



Randy Myers (second from left), Manager for Goodwill Government Services, was recently presented with an American Red Cross quilt, made by friends and co-workers. Myers has been a long-time platelet donor with the Red Cross, undergoing the 2-hour donation procedure on a regular basis. Julie Reeves (far left), Dee Rivera (far right), both of Operations; Anita Jarrett, Navigation Branch; and Allison Jarrett, Public Affairs (not shown); all assisted in gathering Red Cross donor T-shirts and assembling them into the quilt. They presented Myers with the quilt as a get well gift following a recent surgery, and to honor his contributions to the Red Cross and the Corps.

Boat Smart Super Saturday

Boat Smart Super Saturday took place on May 17 to kickoff National Safe Boating Week and was a tremendous success at Nashville District lakes. The focus was to promote boating and water safety while having fun



at the lake. The "Wear It" Lifejacket promotion campaign was the primary message for boaters to follow to arrive alive after a day on the lake.

Volunteers and Corps staff teamed up to reach the public with the boating safety message at ramps. These contacts were one-on-one conversations, thought to have the most potential to effect safe behavior. Some lakes put up banners, some rangers were on local radio stations, and one county mayor proclaimed Safe Boating Week. Two marinas at two different lakes held special events with

Corps rangers, using it as a platform for the water safety message. Rangers were also on boat patrol to reach boaters out on the lake. The day coincided with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary promoting life jacket wear and trading in old life jackets at Bass Pro shops.

Volunteers were at boat ramps around the lakes on Super Satur-



Peyton Ortin, Park Ranger Charlie Leath, and Dan Dowlen

day to greet visitors and remind them of tips to be safe on the water. With the warmer weather, crowds are getting back out on the lakes.

In this powerful one-day event, thousands of people were reached through the media and banners, and over 2,400 one-on-one contacts were made at 80 boat ramps and on the water.

Area lakes that participated in



Boat Smart Super Saturday included Barkley, Cheatham, Old Hickory, J. Percy

Priest, Cordell Hull, Dale Hollow, and Lake Cumberland.



Park Rangers, Charlie Leath, Tadd Potter, and retiree Jerry Strather

Thanks to all the staff and volunteers that promoted boating and water safety.

Some tips for boaters:

1. Expect the unexpected. Wear your life jacket.
2. Avoid drinking and operating a boat.
3. Keep a proper lookout - watch out for the "other guy."
4. Use courtesy and common sense.
5. Take a safe boating course.